

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEW ROADS

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Ellen Engemann, Chairman

Wednesday October 7, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics Administration Program
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Subject: Advisory Opinions

Dear Advisory Board,

The Housing Authority New Roads Board of Commissioners, at its meeting on October 7, 2020, voted unanimously to request an opinion on the following items:

1. Who is responsible for appointing the members of the housing authority board of commissioners? The organization was incorporated by the City of New Roads in 1967 by the City Council. In 2019, we changed from a Police Jury to a Parish President form of government while we still have the Mayor and City Council.
2. Can the mayor appoint a board member to the New Roads Housing Authority board, which controls the HUD Section 8 program and the mayor participates in as a landlord and receives rent from said program?
3. Can the housing authority appointing official/Mayor select an employee/manager of his personal business that he pays directly and reports to him to sit on said board?
4. Can the housing authority appointing official/Mayor select his former campaign manager/key personnel to his campaign to sit on said board?

We are looking forward to your opinion. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Paula Rush @ (225)205-802 or hanrt@bellsouth.net

Sincerely,



Ellen Engemann, Chairman

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